

Air and Hazardous Waste Program Funding Task Force – August 1, 2003

Meeting Summary:

Air: Currently, applicants do not pay fees for new permits and are not subject to annual fees until after they begin operating. DEQ has spent significant staff time reviewing and developing permits for facilities that are never constructed. Participants have tentatively agreed that DEQ should seek the legislative authority to establish a permit application fee schedule for new permits by regulation, using a full stakeholder process to develop an appropriate fee structure.

Hazardous Waste: Participants have agreed to consider a fee structure that (1) assesses annual fees, (2) includes application fees for new permits and major modifications (but not minor modifications), (3) provides lower fees for facilities covered by an approved environmental management system, and (4) is used only to cover hazardous waste program costs. An outline of a fee structure conforming to this approach will be discussed at the next meeting. Participants were undecided whether these program costs should be split only between the 40 permitted TSDs or shared with the regulated generators as well. This issue, along with potential fee structures will be discussed at the next meeting.

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Interested Parties: Andy Gates, David Kovacs, Denise Thompson